

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of the Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) Method to decode a received data string in a processing device, said data string being part of a message containing non-data elements and data string elements of varying length, comprising the steps of:
  - locating a predefined ~~significant part~~ subset of the data string, said subset consisting of data string elements considered as most significant;
  - ~~disregarding from consistency checking an insignificant part of the data string; and~~
  - ~~further performing consistency checking~~ agreement of only for the located ~~significant part~~ said subset of the repeated data string elements.
2. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:
  - determining the length of said data string;
  - pinpointing predetermined data positions using said length;
  - removing data from said data string starting from a position determined by said length.
3. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 2, wherein the determining step consists in locating a predetermined sequence in said data string.
4. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - comparing, byte by byte, different data strings assumed to contain identical data;
  - taking as correct data those bytes for which said comparison gives the result "identical".

5. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - locating a predefined important segment as significant part of the data strings remaining after the previous step;
  - disregarding the data locations that do not belong to said important segment; and
  - further checking only the important segments.
6. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of: searching for meaningful data in case that no correct data can be determined.
7. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of: searching for a predefined header code block; and attaching a header code block at the start of the received data string if no such header code block is found in the preceding step.
8. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1 comprising the further step of: checking for a predetermined set of symbols at a predetermined location of the data string; and
  - inserting to or removing from the data string symbols so as to shift the predetermined location if the check of the previous step did locate them at a different position.
9. (Previously Presented) Device for performing a method according to claim 1.
10. (Previously Presented) Broadcast receiver being equipped with a device according to claim 9 or being provided for performing the method.